

LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting

AGENDA

Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia
January 30, 2006
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Signage Request Home Depot
- GIS Imagery/Contour
- Yahoola Creek Reservoir

IV. RESOLUTIONS

- 2006-10 Stream Buffers

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings:

- Board Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall

Feb. 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearings:

- Beer & Wine Alcoholic Beverage License

Feb. 16, 2006 at 8:45 a.m.

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 30, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The special called meeting was called to order by Chairman Gooch at 6:05 p.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers, and Marvin Martin.

AGENDA

Motion

John Raber made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Signage Request – Home Depot

Mr. Gary Wert, Vice President of Maxwell Properties Incorporated presented his revised signage variance request for the Home Depot/Grocery Store properties at the corner of Highway 60 and Long Branch Road. Mr. Wert proposed two (2) twenty-foot tall signs. One will be on Longbranch Road and one on Highway 60. Each sign will consist of two (2) signage panels 7 ft. X 7 ft. or 49 square feet per panel. The top panel in each case will be the Home Depot sign; the bottom panel in each case will be used for small retail tenants until such time as a grocer deal is brought on board. Drawings of the proposed signs were submitted to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Motion

Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to allow Maxwell Properties two (2) twenty foot tall brick signs as present in the drawings. Marvin Martin seconded this motion.

Discussion followed with comments received from several citizens voicing their objections to this variance. Development Authority of Lumpkin County Director Bruce Abraham spoke of development and the needs of Lumpkin County to receive a boost in revenue for tax relief. Development Authority Members Pete Burchett and Don Trice made comments in favor of the variance. Commissioner Raber asked the board to vote no to both signs.

Chairman Gooch called for the question. Commissioners Hutcheson, Stowers and Martin voted in favor of allowing the variance. Commissioner Raber voted no. Motion carried.

GIS Imagery/Contour

GIS Coordinator Blair Housley presented a contract for Imagery and Contour over flight for reconsideration after approval of the basic contract at the last meeting. The original contract provided for Imagery and 10 foot Contours for \$65,000.00 with the County paying \$37,500.00, NGCSU paying \$10,000.00, and the City paying \$17,500.00. The amended proposal provided for adding LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) detail to provide for 2-foot contours.

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Motion

Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve. Prior to second the sale of data, various future uses of data, and the contribution of the City to the amended contract were discussed. The motion was amended to provide for approval of the revision pending an agreement with the City. Mr. Housley pointed out that the contract must be issued in January.

Motion was amended to approve the amended contract as presented, with the County initially assuming responsibility for the entire contract, and with the expectation that the City and NGCSU would contribute as agreed, and the County would provide imagery data and ten foot contour data as agreed among the parties. The City will be given an opportunity to contribute to the additional expense of the LiDAR and the more detailed data on terms to be determined by the parties, and upon such agreement the County will provide detailed data to the two foot contour interval and, if further agreed, the right to sell data as provided by the agreement. Motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

Yahoola Creek Reservoir

Chairman Gooch said the City & County are getting real close to a reservoir agreement. The Chairman suggested that wells be taken off the list dated January 18, 2006. Commissioner Hutcheson said she needed to see exhibit "A" mentioned on the list.

The board agreed to meet again in a special called meeting at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2006 in the Courthouse Conference Room.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Gooch explained that Senator Chip Pearson had asked for a letter and resolution in support of legislation for 150-foot stream buffers. The board then reviewed and discussed the proposed resolution.

2006-10

Chairman Gooch read the resolution to object to a proposed imposition of 150-foot stream buffers by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division, to set out reason for said objection and for other purposes.

Motion

Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Hutcheson asked that the board set a date to discuss the sign regulations. The board agreed to meet in Work Session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2006 in the Courthouse Conference Room.

Public Works Director Charles Trammell announced that the developer of an approved subdivision on Willow Pond Road has requested to close the end of the road to do some grading work in preparation for his subdivision.

Commissioner Martin suggested that the board meet in a retreat to discuss the next Special Purpose Local Option Tax.

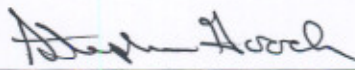
The board and several citizens in attendance discussed sign regulations, water lines and the future vision for Lumpkin County.

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ADJOURN

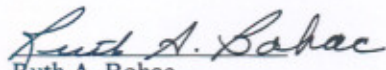
Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by John Raber and seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

2/16/2006
Date



Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County